

Days, that they had spoken to severall nations of  
far Indians with y<sup>e</sup> Belts of wampum & goods sent y<sup>e</sup>  
and those they had added, but could not hear what  
number of far Indians were to come, that they were  
allowed by M<sup>r</sup>. Fontie Commander of Ledetroit to  
come to him as they came from hunting, but not to go from  
thence to albamny and they were obeying his orders

That y<sup>e</sup> Messengers are returning home but  
not as they were directed (to conduct a great number  
of y<sup>e</sup> far nations) these Sachims desire to send a few  
number may go to their Country to hear this message  
and Enquire what Jeuneur is going to do with y<sup>e</sup> men

The Com<sup>rs</sup> Returnd of 5. two Sachims  
thanks for their fidelity in giving y<sup>e</sup> foregoing acc<sup>t</sup>  
w<sup>ch</sup> they think will be pleasing to his M<sup>ty</sup>. Your  
Gov<sup>r</sup> & their Brother Colabr. and told them that  
they had acted prudently and for the Interest of their  
Country to Return y<sup>e</sup> Belt of wampum to y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> of  
Canada. and if they denyd him to build on their  
Land, w<sup>ch</sup> he Intents for no other purpose y<sup>e</sup> to debarr  
them of their hunting & keep y<sup>e</sup> far Indians from  
thems. by y<sup>e</sup> means to keep <sup>thems</sup> poor and at last  
when he sees a fitt opportunity to drive you into y<sup>e</sup> sea  
they were given each a Blanket & a shirt & a hat  
& a mackey with Rum.

At a Meeting of the Com<sup>rs</sup> of the  
Ind<sup>ns</sup> Affairs in Albany the 29<sup>th</sup> Day  
of May 1724 73

- Present
- Henry Holland
- Robert Brough
- Col<sup>l</sup> Bancker
- John Collins
- Ch<sup>l</sup> Livingston
- John Wendell
- John Bleeker
- Robert Wendell

Com<sup>rs</sup>

Two Ind<sup>ns</sup> one from Cahnawage and the  
other from Shawennadie say by seven hands of  
Wampum w<sup>ch</sup> they show as a Token to be sent  
as Messengers from the Ind<sup>ns</sup> to make the  
following Speech

That the Govern<sup>mt</sup> of Boston & England  
have desired to speak w<sup>th</sup> us here being y<sup>e</sup> place  
appointed to treat about publick affairs, and  
our Sachims are to set out from their Castles  
three days hence, and sent us to desire you to  
dispatch Messengers to the <sup>Sachims of the</sup> five Nations to  
come here and be present to hear what proposition  
shall be made We desire your speedy Answer  
when they shall be here for we design to  
Return to Morrow in Order to meet our Sachims  
to bring them an Acc<sup>t</sup> when the Sachims  
of the five Nations are to be here gave a  
Belt of Wampum

Brethren  
As Last Winter we sent Sachims  
three belts of Wampum to acquaint them that  
the Path is open tother and by them to take  
the Hatchett out of your hand against our  
Brethren